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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir: Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice, and insert claims 19-37 as follows:

--19. A flap-type grinding tool, which is configured symmetrically about an axis of rotation comprising:

- a) an outer portion;
- b) a plurality of abrasive flaps disposed on the outer portion wherein the outer portion is selected from the group consisting of a periphery, end faces, and combinations thereof;